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SANTOS-DUMONT'S
NEW FLYING MACHINEBrazilian Experimenting on
Aeroplane of His Own
Construction

NOT YET ENTIRE SUCCESS

But This, He Says, Is Due to Faulty
Motors Now Being
Used.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—For want of better amusement, what is left of society in town is watching with considerable interest the extraordinary behavior of Santos-Dumont's "Bird of Prey," as he calls his latest model flying machine. The Brazilian has succeeded in constructing an aeroplane which is attached to a light framework mounted on wheels and propelled by a 24-horsepower motor, rises from the ground and sails along by itself.

So far, Santos has managed to raise his "bird" only about six inches off the ground; but this is something. The aeronaut takes his place in the cage and starts his motor going at the rate of about thirty kilometers an hour. The machine rushes along the ground a little way and then rises into the air. It does not stay up long or go far, but that, Dumont says, is entirely the fault of the motor, which does not work fast enough. The principle on which it works is exactly that of the long-legged birds which start their flight by a short run in order to get impetus before soaring. Santos-Dumont has been carrying out his experiments at the Polo Grounds in the Bois de Boulogne, before an audience mainly composed of pretty women sipping tea on the club lawn.

Where Betting Is Profitable.

Remarkable figures, showing the extent of betting in France, and how the state benefits thereby, are published in the statistics of the Pari-Mutuel on French race courses for the years 1882-1903, the latest which have been compiled.

All betting on horses in France is done through the government institution known as the Pari-Mutuel, which has booths on all race tracks. The business is thus reduced to a system and many abuses avoided.

During the period dealt with the sum passing through the Pari-Mutuel was \$48,000,000, of which the state took its share, amounting to \$12,000,000. Most of this profit is devoted to the support of hospitals, Mont-de-Piété (state pawnshops) and other charitable institutions. Year by year the sums hazarded by Frenchmen on the grass of horse and jockey have increased.

Rodin's Statue to Rollin.

When August Rodin, the distinguished sculptor, was young he had as a friend Maurice Rollinat, the poet, who committed suicide in a sad and shocking manner. Rodin promised his friend to make a statue of him, and told him it should be placed on his grave. Rodin, who has never forgotten his promise, has recently finished the work which takes the form of a splendid bas-relief, but the family of Rollinat has refused the present, which was to have been placed on the poet's grave in the cemetery of Freselles. The cure of the village, who was also a friend of the dead poet, has, however, offered the shelter of his church for Mr. Rodin's gift, and this solution of the difficulty has been accepted.

Interest in Army Maneuvers.

Particular interest attaches to the military maneuvers now in progress near Langres, as they are the occasion of the first public appearance of the new Ramallo cannon. This gun, which is a 155-millimeter bore, is constructed exactly like the 75-millimeter field gun, but the barrel and the hydraulic breech are carried on separate carriages, and the parts are united only when fired in battle position. In addition to the barrel and the breech carriages there is a third required for the ammunition. Thirty-two horses in all are used to draw the carriage. The total weight of this cannon weighs about forty kilos, or nearly eighty pounds.

Appendicitis From Grapes.

Doctors are at daggers drawn at the appendicitis question again. The grape season having arrived, a controversy has arisen as to whether or not this fruit causes appendicitis. Dr. Metchnikoff, the celebrated bacteriologist of the Pasteur Institute, has pronounced himself as follows:

"I have never in all my experience discovered a grape seed in an appendix. I do not think that they cause appendicitis, but grapes themselves are an unsafe food and I always recommend parents not to give them to their children. The skin of the grape is covered with dust which often contains the disease germs and tiny worms, and the latter often set up an intestinal inflammation which results in appendicitis. As a matter of fact, it is much safer to swallow a cherry or a peach stone than a grape seed, because the former, on account of their size, could not possibly penetrate the opening of the appendix, whereas it is just possible that a grape seed could, though I have never seen any which had."

King of Peking Beggars.

The King of Peking Beggars arrived in Paris a few days ago. He did not stay long. The man Eao-Ti-Fen, was in such a state of filth and vermin that the authorities immediately had him conveyed across the frontier. He was arrested for vagrancy and an interpreter at the police station explained that Fen, having betrayed the rules of the powerful beggars' organization to which he belonged in China, had had to flee for his life and had taken refuge on board a ship landing at Marseilles. He had walked to Paris begging his way.

Aeronaut Wellman's Quarters.

A party of French tourists who have called upon Walter Wellman, the celebrated aeronaut at his settlement at Spitzberg, have just arrived here, bringing with them photographs of Mr. Wellman's quarters. The aeronaut's settlement is pitched in the same spot as that from which Andre started in his balloon. Mr. Wellman has been obliged to give up starting this season as it is now too late to attempt the voyage with safety. He has been delayed by an accident to his motor which took so long to repair as to make all possibility of getting away before the winter impossible.

SIX SMART LITTLE NEPHEWS OF
EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY

Although Not by Nature and Character a Friend of Children, the Kaiser Is Accused of Spoiling His Nephews Shown in This Photo. The Six Little Princes, Among Whom Are Two Sets of Twins, Are the Sons of the Kaiser's Favorite Sister, Princess Frederick Charles of Hesse Casel.

Freedom of Worship
As the Pope Sees It

Principle Upon Which It Rests Condemned.
King Edward's Lack of Etiquette as
to Hats Shocks Berlin.

By THE MARQUIS DE CASTELLANE.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—If the numerous Americans who are Catholics have followed at all closely the various phases through which has passed and is still passing the application of the law separating the church from the state, they will certainly not have failed to notice the little rap over the knuckles which has been given their institutions by the recently issued papal encyclical. "If a state," says this document, "has separated itself from the church, and left her the liberty which is common to all, and the right to dispose of her property, it has without doubt, in more than one way, acted unjustly."

Thus the highest representative of the Catholic Church has condemned not the mere exercise of religious liberty as it exists in the United States, but the very principle upon which it rests.

It is in this that the autocratic spirit of Catholicism appears; it cannot manage to work in unison with the principles of modern democracies, which leave to all the free choice of their beliefs, and also, and above all, the liberty to make them triumph through persuasiveness. In this statement of Pius X one feels the absolute difference of principles which exist. Catholics cannot resist the impulse to declare its pre-emptive right to be considered as a superior power by states in general, and expects these to leave it an open field, cleared of all obstacles. It is true that these are mere distinctions drawn up by the council of the church, but they are none the less annoying for those—and they are legion—who do not propose to believe merely because they are told to, because the command comes direct from God, but because their reason and their conscience prompt their faith.

The secularization of the state in America is doubtless no more popular with Rome than is that of France. Nevertheless, it is a condition of affairs which will eventually prevail in all countries. Secularization is the law of the future.

King's Hat Causes Row.

Hats have no luck. After nearly dividing high France society into two camps, they have almost been the cause of trouble between two of the most powerful nations in the world. This time the guilty hat is King Edward's.

During the recent interview at Friedrichshof, Edward VII was so bold as to present himself before his imperial nephew, Kaiser William II, with a common stovepipe hat on his head. Such unceremoniousness fired the indignation of the Berlin protocol. Really, Edward VII took things too much at his ease.

When the Emperor of Germany had taken care to appear before the Emperor of India wearing the official helmet, the latter monarch had gone to meet him with a simple civilian hat upon his illustrious head.

Such conduct was preposterous, in its utter disregard of etiquette, and not to be tolerated. For several days the greatest excitement reigned among the German statesmen. It took all the persuasive powers of Prince von Bulow to call the young German diplomats to reason. Then, and then only, did the enraged young Germans decide to put off till a later and more sensible occasion a quarrel which might have been very serious in its results.

Doctors Get Into Hot Water.

Not content with occasionally curing us, but often dispatching us to another world, our doctors have undertaken, without being asked, to foster a rapprochement between France and Germany. Not only did they attend appendicitis operations in Berlin, and enthusiastically applaud Prof. Bergmann, and the no less celebrated Dr. Langenbeck, and other famous followers of Aesculapius, but they also sent their wives to deposit wreaths of flowers before the bust of the Empress Frederick, mother of the present Emperor.

Physicians and surgeons, veterinarians, and every category of doctor of medi-

RIVER SEINE TOMB
OF GHASTLY REFUSE

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The department of waterworks for Paris has just sent in its report for 1905. This shows, among other things, the number of dead bodies fished out of the Seine during the year. They comprise: One hundred human bodies, 3,110 dogs, 900 cats, 2,800 rats, 500 hens, 25 ducks, 215 rabbits, 12 sheep, 39 horses, 4 pigs, a monkey, a serpent, 3 calves, 630 birds, and 9,020 pounds of butchers' meat.

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